

## Perry Wayne Myers, Jr. Curriculum Vitae

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### EDUCATION

12/97-08/02      Ph.D., Germanic Studies, U of Texas at Austin  
Dissertation: *The Double Edged Sword: The Cult of Bildung, Its Downfall  
and Reconstitution in Fin-de-Siècle Germany*  
Supervisor: Katherine M. Arens

09/94-12/97      M.A., Germanic Studies, U of Texas at Austin

09/79-05/81      Master of Business Administration, Baylor U, Waco, TX

09/75-08/79      Bachelor of Arts, History / Business Administration, Baylor U, Waco, TX

### PROFESSIONAL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Spring, 2020      Interim Chair, Department of Modern Languages and Culture, Albion  
College

Spring, 2019      Interim Chair, International Studies, Albion College

08/15-Present    Professor, German Studies, Albion College

Spring, 2016      Interim Chair, Department of Modern Languages and Culture, Albion  
College

Spring, 2015      Interim Chair, International Studies, Albion College

07/08-01/11      Chair, Department of Modern Languages and Cultures, Albion College

03/08-08/15      Associate Professor, German Studies, Albion College

08/04-02/08      Assistant Professor, German Studies, Albion College

08/03-05/04      Visiting Assistant Professor, German Studies, U of South Carolina

Spring, 2003      Visiting Adjunct Professor, German Studies, Baylor U

Fall, 2002        Visiting Adjunct Professor, Germanic Studies, U of Texas at Austin

### SELECT AWARDS AND GRANTS

2020-21            Research Fellow, *Institut d'études avancées de Paris*

Spring, 2019	Guest Professor, <i>École normale Supérieure</i> , Labex TransferS (May 15 – June 30)
Summer, 2013	Great Lakes Colleges Association (Mellon Foundation) New Directions Initiative – Full Grant: <i>Indian Theosophy during the Raj: Exploring the Crossroads of Indian Religion, Politics, Ethnicity, and National Identities</i>
2012-13	Phi Beta Kappa Scholar of the Year – Albion College
Spring, 2011	Great Lakes Colleges Association New Directions Initiative – Exploration Grant: <i>Exploring Indian Religious, Political, Ethnic, and National Identities</i>
02/10-03/10	<i>Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst (DAAD)</i> : Faculty Research Visit Grant: Berlin, Germany
Spring, 2005	Blanchard Fellowship, Albion College

## SCHOLARSHIP

### Publications: Books

*Spiritual Empires in Europe and India, 1875-1932. Cosmopolitan Religious Movements from 1875 to the Interwar Era* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2021)

*German Visions of India, 1871 – 1918: Commandeering the Holy Ganges during the Kaiserreich* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2013)

*The Double Edged Sword: The Cult of Bildung, Its Downfall and Reconstitution in Fin-de-Siècle Germany* (Rudolf Steiner and Max Weber) (Oxford: Peter Lang, 2004)

### Publications: Edited Books

*Germany and India: A Transnational Survey Beyond Fascination*, ed. Perry Myers (commissioned Palgrave Macmillan; forthcoming 2025)

### Publications: Peer-Reviewed Articles

“Leopold von Schroeder’s Imagined India: Buddhist Spirituality and Christian Politics during the Wilhelmine Era” *German Studies Review* 33.2 (2009): 619-36

“Monistic Visions and Colonial Consciousness: Ernst Haeckel’s *Indische Reisebriefe*” *Seminar* 44.2 (May 2008): 190-209

“Colonial Consciousness: Rudolf Steiner’s Orientalism and German Cultural Identity” *Journal of European Studies* 36.4 (2006): 389-417

“Max Weber: Education as Academic and Political Calling” *German Studies Review* 27.2 (2004): 269-88

“Ludwig Tieck’s *gestiefelter Kater*: Striking the Balance Between the Idealistic and the Fantastic” *Monatshefte* 96.1 (Spring 2004): 62-77

“Sickness and Death: The Transformation of *Geist* in Thomas Mann’s *Fiorenza*,” *Seminar* 37.3 (September 2001): 209-26

## Publications: Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

- “Affinity and Estrangement: Transnational Theosophy in Germany and India during the Colonial Era” in *Theosophy Across Boundaries: Transcultural and Interdisciplinary Perspectives on a Modern Esoteric Movement*, ed. Hans Martin Krämer and Julian Strube (New York: SUNY Press, 2020): 217-252
- “An Elite Class of Thinkers: Monism Between Science and the Occult in Wilhelmine Germany,” *Revisiting the “Nazi Occult”: Histories, Realities, Legacies*, eds. Monica Black and Eric Kurlander (New York: Camden House, 2015): 42-64
- “German Travelers to India at the Fin-de-siècle and their Ambivalent Views of the Raj,” in *Transcultural Encounters Between Germany and India: Kindred Spirits in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries*, eds. Joanne Miyang Cho, Eric Kurlander, and Douglas McGetchin (New York: Routledge, 2013): 84-98
- “The Ambivalence of a Spiritual Quest in India: Waldemar Bonsels’ *Indienfahrt*,” in *Imagining Germany Imagining Asia: Essays in Asian-German Studies*, eds. Veronika Fuechtner and Mary Rhiel (Rochester, NY: Camden House, 2013): 131-154
- “Making Invisible Empires: Joseph Dahlmann’s India and His Catholic Vision during the Wilhelminian Era,” in *Mapping Channels between Ganges and Rhein: German-Indian Cross-Cultural Relations*, eds. Jörg Esleben, Christina Kraenzle, and Sukanya Kulkarni (Cambridge, England: Cambridge Scholars Press, 2008): 160-87

## Publications: Book Reviews

- Rev. of *Age of Enlightenment: German and Indian Intellectuals across Empire*, by Kris Manjapra, *German Studies Review* 39.1 (2016): 171-73
- Rev. of *German Orientalism: The Study of the Middle East and Islam from 1800 to 1945. Culture and Civilization in the Middle East*, by Ursula Woköck, <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=26082> (February 2010)
- Rev. of *The Tragic Sense of Life: Ernst Haeckel and the Struggle over Evolutionary Thought*, by Robert J. Richards, *Review of Politics*, 71.3 (2009): 505-08
- Rev. of *Conrad in Germany*, ed. Walter Göbel, Hans Ulrich Seeber, and Martin Windisch, <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=24523> (May 2009)
- Rev. of *Kant: A Guide for the Perplexed*, by T. K. Seung, [H-German@h-net.msu.edu](mailto:H-German@h-net.msu.edu) (April 2008)
- Rev. of *The Literature of Weimar Classicism*, ed. Simon Richter, *German Studies Review* 30.1 (2007): 164-5
- Rev. of *Heidegger’s Roots. Nietzsche, National Socialism, and the Greeks*, by Charles Bambach, *German Studies Review* 28.1 (2005): 196-7
- Rev. of “*Der Dichter sucht Verständnis und Erkenntwerden.*” *Neue Arbeiten zu Hermann Hesse und seinem Roman Das Glasperlenspiel*, ed. Eva Zimmermann, *German Studies Review* 28.2 (2005): 422-23
- Rev of *German Orientalisms*, by Todd Kontje, *Colloquia Germanica* 37.3/4 (2004): 364-65

## Conference Presentations

- "Pondering Evil and Complicity in Transhistorical *Verbrechensliteratur* about the Nazi Past," German Studies Association, Atlanta, GA (scheduled September 26-29, 2024)
- "Chemistry as Cosmopolitan Spiritual Science in German and India during the Fin-de-Siècle," German Studies Association, Pittsburgh, PA (September 27-30, 2018)
- "Transnational Theosophy: Reconstructing Society and the Nation in Germany and India during the Colonial Era (1878-1933)," German Studies Association, Atlanta, GA (October 5-8, 2017)
- "Transnational Responses to Disenchantment: Esoteric Religious Movements in England, France, Germany and India (1878–1933)," Greater Lakes College Association World Literature Symposium, Ann Arbor, MI (June 1-3, 2017)
- "Affinity and Estrangement: Transnational Theosophy in Germany and India during the Colonial Era (1878-1933)," South Asian Studies Conference, Madison, WI (October 20-23, 2016)
- "Transnational Esoteric Religion: Theosophy in Germany and India at the Fin-de-Siècle," German Studies Association, Washington, DC (October 1-4, 2015)
- "Beyond Imperial Encounter: Pseudo-Religious Movements in Germany and India during the Colonial Era," German Studies Association, Kansas City, MO (September 18-21, 2014)
- "Indian Theosophists and their Repudiation of Western Authority (1883 – 1890): Damodar Reads the Bible and T. Subba Row Dates the Buddha," Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, East Lansing, MI (October 25-27, 2013)
- "The Ambivalence of a Spiritual Quest in India: Waldemar Bonsels' *Indienfahrt* (1912)," German Studies Association, Denver, CO (October 3-6, 2013)
- "Re-constituting Spirituality in Wilhelmine Germany: Franz Hartmann's Theosophical India and an Elite Class of Intellectuals," German Studies Association, Milwaukee, WI (October 4-7, 2012)
- "Franz Hartmann's Theosophical India: Re-defining a Spiritual Class in Fin-de-Siècle Germany," Nineteenth-Century Studies Association, Asheville, NC (March 21-24, 2012)
- "German Catholic Visions of India and Universal Mandates during the *Kaiserreich*: Circumventing the Nation-State," German Studies Association, Louisville, KY (September 22-25, 2011)
- "German Spiritual Identity and Visions of India during the Wilhelmine Era," Occident and Orient Research Group, Dehli University/JNU (read *in absentia* by Dr. James Hodgkinson) (January 23-26, 2010)
- "Building the Protestant Nation and Comparative Religion: Rudolf Seydel's Vision of India during the Wilhelmine Era," German Studies Association, Washington, DC (October 8-11, 2009)
- "German Indology at the Fin-de-Siècle: Hermann Oldenberg's Philological Nation and Christian Apologetics." German Studies Association, St. Paul, MN (October 2-5, 2008)
- "Leopold von Schroeder's Imagined India: Buddhist Spirituality and Christian Politics during the Wilhelmine Era." German Studies Association, San Diego, CA (October 4-7, 2007)
- "Re-defining Colonial Space Beyond the "Scramble for Africa": German Visions of India During the Colonial Era." Germany's Colonialism in International Perspective, San Francisco, CA (September 6-9, 2007)
- "Making Invisible Empires: Joseph Dahlmann's India and his Catholic Vision during the Wilhelminian Era." German Studies Association, Pittsburgh, PA (September 28 - October 1, 2006)

- “*Feenhafter Schönheit* and Decadent Conventions: Joseph Dahlmann’s *Indische Fahrten*.” Mapping Channels Between Ganges and Rhein, Toronto, CA (May 25-26, 2006)
- “Knowing India, Traveling India: Joseph Dahlmann’s *Indische Reisebriefe*.” Michigan Academy of Science, Arts & Letters, Oakland University, Oakland, MI (March 3, 2006)
- “Monistic Visions and Colonial Consciousness: Ernst Haeckel’s *Indische Reisebriefe*.” German Studies Association, Milwaukee, WI (September 29 – October 2, 2005)
- “Ernst Haeckel’s *Indische Reisebriefe*: Author(izing) German Orientalism.” South Central Modern Language Association, German III: Literature and Culture from 1890-Present, What is a (German) Author, New Orleans, LA (October 28-30, 2004)
- “World Visions Without Colonies: Rudolf Steiner’s Orientalism and German Cultural Identity.” Society for Literature and Science, Ethology, Ecology, Ethnicity and Science, Raleigh-Durham, NC (October 14-17, 2004)
- “Max Weber: Value-Free Science as Academic and Political Calling.” Society for Science and Literature Europe, Science, Politics and Decision, Paris, France (June 23-26, 2004)
- “Transformed Spaces: Tonio Kröger Discovers a *Volksbibliothek*,” German Studies Association, New Orleans, LA (September 18-21, 2003)
- “Rethinking the Utopian Vision: Ludwig Tieck’s *gestiefelter Kater* and Practical Politics,” *The New Europe at the Crossroads Conference*, Berlin, Germany (June 30 – July 4, 2003)
- “Ludwig Tieck’s *gestiefelter Kater*: Striking the Balance Between the Idealistic and the Fantastic,” South Central Modern Language Association, German II: Literature and Culture from 1700 to 1890, Austin, TX (October 31-November 2, 2002)
- “Re-constructing *Bildung* for the Masses: Rudolf Steiner and *Geheimwissenschaft* in Fin-de-Siècle Germany,” South Central Modern Language Association, German II: Literature and Culture from 1700 to 1890, Tulsa, OK (November 1-3, 2001)
- “Sickness and Death: The Transformation of *Geist* in Thomas Mann’s *Fiorenza*,” Germanic Studies Symposium, Austin, TX (April 9, 1999)

### Invited Lectures

- “Spiritual Empires in Europe and India. Cosmopolitan Religious Movements and their National Factions, 1875-1932,” Historisches Seminar, Leibniz Institut für europäische Geschichte Mainz (September 27, 2023)
- “British, German and French Religious Responses after World War II: A comparative Study of ‘Working-off-the-Past,’” Fritz Bauer Institute, Goethe Universität Frankfurt (May 12, 2022)
- “When is Religion a Conversation-Stopper? The Rise of Religion in the Public Square.” Institut d’Études Avancées de Paris. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2NTaFta4KiY> (Premiered April 28, 2021)
- “Spiritual Empires in Europe and India. Cosmopolitan Religious Movements and their National Factions (1875-1918),” Plenary Speaker, Multilingualism and Multiculturalism: Perspectives on Linguistic and Cultural Discourse, Web-Based Lecture Series, Department of Foreign Languages, Faculty of Arts, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, India (March 18, 2021)

- “Spiritual Empires in Europe and India. Cosmopolitan Religious Movements and their National Factions, 1875-1918.” Séminaire interne. Institut d’Études Avancées de Paris (February 9, 2021)
- “The Re-Engineering of Society: The Social and Political Articulations of Spiritual Scientists in Europe and India during the Long Fin-de-Siècle (1875-1918)”, Séminaire histoire transnationale, École normale Supérieure Paris (May 21, 2019)
- “Cosmopolitan Religion and their Spiritual Affinities in Europe and India during the Long Fin-de-Siècle. Ratifying Spiritual Science through Occult Chemistry,” Séminaire transferts culturels, Labex TransferS, École normale Supérieure Paris (May 24, 2019)
- “Visions of Nationhood: Cosmopolitan Religious Movements in Europe and India during the Long Fin-de-Siècle,” Séminaire histoire transnationale de l’orientalisme, Labex TransferS, École normale Supérieure Paris (May 24, 2019)
- “Affinity and Estrangement: Transnational Theosophy in Germany and India during the Colonial Era (1878-1933), RWTH Universität Aachen (July 14, 2016)
- “A Philological Nation and Christian Apologetics: German Indology at the Fin-de-siècle,” *Doktoranden Colloquium* (Privat Dozent Margrit Pernau), Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Berlin (May 18, 2010)

## Interviews

- “Spiritual Empires in Europe and India.” *Indian Religions Podcast* on New Books Network. <https://newbooksnetwork.com/category/religion-faith/hindu-studies/> (April 21, 2022)

## Sessions Organized

- “German-Asian Studies,” German Studies Association, Atlanta, GA (October 5-8, 2017)
- “Theosophy in India and Europe: Connected Histories and Local Contexts,” Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI (October 20-23, 2016)
- “Revisiting Wilhelmine Esotericism and the Occult Roots of Nazism,” German Studies Association, Milwaukee, WI (October 4-7, 2012)
- “German Visions of India: A Love-Hate Relationship,” German Studies Association, St. Paul, MN. (October 2-5, 2008)

## SERVICE

### Current: Albion

08/22-Present	Faculty Development Committee
01/22-Present	Fulbright Program Advisor
03/05-Present	EPA Study Abroad / Internship Advisor
09/05-Present	Fulbright Program Committee
11/04-Present	International Studies Committee
08/04-Present	Modern Languages and Culture for the Professions

**Past: Albion**

09/21-05/22 Historical Mode Committee  
01/19-05/20 Facilitation and Strategy Team  
03/19-05/20 Course Change Committee  
Spring 2019 Interim Chair, International Studies  
Spring, 2016 Interim Chair, Modern Languages and Cultures  
Fall, 2015 Fulbright Program Advisor (Sabbatical Replacement)  
Fall, 2015 Budget, Salaries and Benefits Committee (Sabbatical Replacement)  
Spring, 2015 Interim Chair, International Studies  
Spring, 2015 Search Committee for VP of Enrollment Management  
08/10-05/14 Carl A Gerstacker Institute for Business and Management, Internal Board  
Spring, 2013 Search Committee for Director of Career Services  
2011-2012 Faculty Representative, BOT Sub-committee on Enrollment  
Spring, 2011 Search Committee for Director of the Carl A Gerstacker Institute for  
Business and Management  
  
03/09-05/10 Internship Committee  
10/08-12/09 Curriculum Review, Innovation & Transformation Team  
08/08-12/09 Global Category Committee  
08/07-12/09 Curriculum and Resource Committee  
08/07-12/09 Petitions Committee  
09/05-05/09 Off-Campus Programs Advisory Committee

**Professional**

Spring, 2022 Reviewer, Promotion to Full Professor, German Studies Candidate,  
Purdue University, Fort Wayne  
  
Fall, 2014 Reviewer, Tenure and Promotion, South Asian Studies Candidate,  
University of Hawaii  
  
Fall, 2014 Reviewer, Series Proposal on *Asian-German Studies*, Palgrave-Macmillan  
Fall, 2014 Reviewer, Goethe Yearbook 2013, Peter Lang: International Publisher  
Fall, 2013 Reviewer, *The German Quarterly*  
Spring, 2013 German Studies Association Graduate Student Essay Prize Committee  
Fall, 2012 Commentator for Session Panel "Authors in Captivity," German Studies  
Association, Milwaukee, WI (October 4-7, 2012)  
  
Fall, 2011 Reviewer, *Journeys. The International Journal of Travel and Travel Writing*  
Spring, 2009 German Studies Association Graduate Student Essay Prize Committee  
Fall, 2007 Editorial Board, *Teaching Austria*  
Fall, 2004 Session Monitor, SCMLA, German II: Literature and Culture from 1700-  
1890, New Orleans, LA  
  
Fall, 2003 Session Monitor, German Studies Association, New Orleans, LA  
Spring, 1995 Certified for *Prüfung Wirtschaftsdeutsch*

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

11/92-06/94	J.P. Morgan GmbH, Vice President (Global Markets), Regional Manager of Exchange Traded Products for Germany, Switzerland and Italy
08/85-03/91	Merrill Lynch Capital Markets (Frankfurt), Vice President and Sales Manager of Financial Futures and Options Group (Germany)
01/84-08/85	Bache Securities (Germany) Inc.: Corporate Services
10/81-08/82	Capital Bank, N.A., Houston, TX, Credit Training Program

### **LANGUAGES**

English:	Native
German:	Near Native
French:	Advanced Reading, intermediate Speaking and Writing